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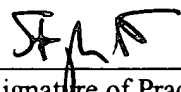
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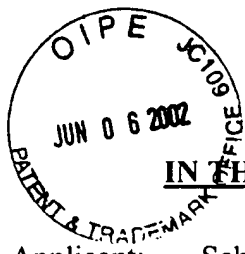
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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

This Office Action Response is filed in response to the action of 25 February, 2002, so no extension fee is due. As the claim amendments do not cause the number of claims to exceed the 20 total and 3 independent claims covered in the basic filing fee, no fees for excess claims are due.

AMENDMENTS

Amendment to the Title

Please amend the title as follows:

STENT HAVING DISCONTINUOUS COATING IN THE FORM OF COATING ISLANDS

Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A stent has a surface with an irregular coating formed on that surface. The irregular coating provides coating islands, especially coating islands that are substantially round. In some embodiments, the coating islands are arranged at a greater spacing in regions involving a greater degree of local stretching of the stent surface upon stretching of the stent than in regions involving a lesser degree of local stretching of the stent surface. In other embodiments, the coating islands are smaller in regions involving a greater degree of local stretching of the stent surface upon stretching of the stent than in regions involving a lesser degree of local stretching of the stent surface. [The invention concerns a stent, in particular a coronary stent, having a coating. The coronary stent according to the invention is distinguished in that the coating is of an irregular and in particular grid-like patterned configuration.]